

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SYNOPSIS AGENDA/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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| CODE: | PL-05 |
| COMMITTEE: | Policy and Legislative |
| DATE: | April 12, 2016 |

SUBJECT/TITLE

Spartanburg County School District One's (District) Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-205 (R.43-205), Administrative and Professional Personnel Qualifications, Duties and Workloads

PURPOSE OF REPORT/REGULATION/ITEM

The purpose of this request is to waive non-compliance of SBE R.43-205(IV)(B)(3)(b) for teachers who instruct more than 1,500 minutes per week and R.43-205(IV)(B)(3)(c) for teachers who are assigned classes requiring more than four (4) preparations daily and for the waiver to apply to the remaining term of the district strategic and school renewal plans.

CRITICAL FACTS

SBE R.43-205(IV)(B)(3)(b) prohibits a teacher from instructing more than 1,500 minutes per week.

SBE R.43-205(IV)(B)(3)(c) prohibits a teacher from being assigned classes requiring more than four (4) daily preparations.

The District's secondary teachers are assigned classes requiring more than four (4) daily preparations and instruct for more than 1,500 minutes per week which subsequently cause accreditation deficiencies.

Attempts to reorganize the secondary school schedules would disrupt the existing district strategic and school renewal plans previously implemented under R.43-261, District and School Planning.

The district strategic plan and applicable school renewal plans have been amended to reflect this need.

This waiver would be effective through 2016–17, which is the duration of the District's district strategic and school renewal plan cycle.

TIMELINE/REVIEW PROCESS

October 2015–January 2016

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) accreditation team reviews school/district data and documentation for compliance to SBE regulations and accreditation standards. The district strategic and the school renewal plans are examined for compliance with the inclusion of the waiver.

February 2016

Preliminary analysis reports and accreditation ratings are posted online for school and district viewing.

February 2016–March 2016

The SCDE accreditation team works with schools and districts to resolve accreditation deficiencies.

April 2016

The *2015–16 Annual Report of the Accreditation of School Districts in South Carolina*, containing the final accreditation status for schools and districts, goes to the SBE for approval.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

COST: N/A

FUND/SOURCE: N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Attachments: ☒ yes ☐ no
(attachments must be submitted with synopsis)

Name of Attachments: Spartanburg County School District One’s Waiver Request of R.43-205

RECOMMENDATION

The SCDE recommends approval of the following motion: “The SBE approves Spartanburg County School District One’s waiver request of R.43-205(IV)B(3)(b) for teachers who instruct more than 1,500 minutes per week and R.43-205(IV)(B)(3)(c) for teachers who are assigned classes requiring more than four (4) daily preparations with the waiver to apply to the remaining term of the district strategic and school renewal plans.”

ACTION REQUEST

FOR APPROVAL: ☒

FOR INFORMATION ONLY: ☐